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NEWS SUMMARY

1. Wire reports appearing in the Indian media
highlighted the Secretary's remarks on Iran. Secretary
Clinton was reported saying that Iran has not lived up
to its nuclear obligations and has rebuffed U.S. and
international efforts to engage in serious talks. Iran
has a right to nuclear power, but only if shown
unequivocally it is to be used just for peaceful
purposes, she said. In her speech, the Secretary was
reported saying that the U.S. and others were working
on "new measures" to try to persuade Iran to change its
course. Later, during a question-and-answer session,
she said: "The evidence is accumulating that that is
exactly what they are trying to do."

NEWS HEADLINES

12. India's regional and vernacular newspapers ran wire stories from Dha. Some headlines follow:

-- "Iran slipping towards military dictatorship"- THE TIMES OF INDIA English daily
-- "Iran moving toward military dictatorship, says Clinton" - INDIAN EXPRESS English daily
-- "Clinton calls for tougher sanctions against Iran" - THE STATESMAN English daily
-- "Hillary fears military dictatorship in Iran"- DECCAN CHRONICLE English daily
-- "Clinton calls for tougher sanctions on Iran" - DECCAN HERALD English daily
-- "More regulations on Iran: Hillary"- SAKSHI Telugu Daily
-- "Clinton calls for tougher sanctions on Iran"- HINDI MILAP Hindi Daily
-- "Iran is becoming a military dictatorship: Clinton"- SIASAT Urdu daily
-- "Clinton calls for tougher sanctions against Iran" - MUNSIF Urdu daily
-- "America conspires to divide the Islamic world: U.S. engaged in isolating Iran" - AKHBAR-E-MASHRIQUE Urdu daily
-- "The United States has no interest in occupying Afghanistan: Hillary Clinton" - SAHAFAT Urdu daily
-- "Hillary Clinton visits Arab countries to garner support against Iran" - HAMARA SAMAJ Urdu daily

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-- "U.S. intensifies efforts for strict sanctions against Iran" - JADEED IN-DINON Urdu daily
-- "Clinton urges Iran to reconsider nuclear policy; Says Tehran's stance left the world little choice" - AWAM Urdu daily
-- "Hillary tells Iran to reconsider 'dangerous' n-policy; Says US has no interest in occupying Afghanistan" - PRATAP Urdu daily
-- "U.S., Israel intensify efforts to stop Iran's nuclear program" - MILAP Urdu daily
-- "Hillary Clinton visits Doha; Obama eager to forge special relationship with Islamic world" - JADEED KHABAR Urdu daily
-- "Hillary Clinton visits Muslim countries on important mission against Iran; U.S. plans to earn China, Muslim world's support through Saudi Arabia" - AKHBAR-E-MASHRIQ Urdu daily
-- "The United States has no interest in occupying Afghanistan: Hillary Clinton" - HINDUSTAN EXPRESS Urdu daily
-- "Teheran may see regime change" - HINDUSTAN Hindi daily
-- "Iran may have to pay a 'heavy price': Hillary" - PUNJAB KESRI Hindi daily

